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CARACAS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT LUIS ELADIS PROANO ROSERO NOT BE
SEARCHED

FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER FROM VANCE

REF: QUITO 6738; 6740

1. REFTTEL 6738 REQUESTED THAT MR. PROANO WHO IS TRAVELLING
TO THE U.S. AT OFFICIAL INVITATION USG NOT BE SEARCHED
DURING PLANNED ARRIVAL AT NEW ORLEANS ON EA 906 SEPT 13 AT
1430 HOURS, ON BASIS THAT SEARCH WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IN
OUR RELATIONS WITH GOE.

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2. REVIEW OF DEA AND CUSTOMS FILES SHOWS SUBJECT, ECUADORIAN CITIZEN, TO BE SUSPECTED OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN COCAINE IN U.S. AND CANADA, NOT UNDER INDICTMENT.

3. CUSTOMS ACTION IN CONDUCTING SEARCH WOULD BE BASED ON INFORMATION REFERRAL FROM DEA. DEA WASHINGTON HAS CARRIED OUT REQUEST OF SAIC IN REFTEL 6740 IN ASKING CUSTOMS TO AVOID SEARCH AND EXAMINATION OF MR. PROANO FOR PROPOSED ENTRY. INS AND CUSTOMS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICES WILL COOPERATE IN MEETING YOUR REQUEST.

MR. PROANO AND THE GROUP WILL BE ACCORDED NORMAL ENTRY DOCUMENT EXAMINATION AND BAGGAGE INSPECTION SIMILAR TO OTHER ARRIVING PASSENGERS, UNLESS UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE ARRIVAL OF MR. PROANO ARE NOTED. SUCH GROUPS, EVEN THOUGH U.S. SPONSORED, WOULD NOT BE CUSTOMARILY RELEASED FROM NORMAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. THUS, NO RISK TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOE IS ENVISIONED. MR. PROANO WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER NORMALLY AND WILL NOT BE GIVEN UNUSUAL TREATMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO VERIFY RELIABILITY OF REPORT ON ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT, WE SUGGEST EVALUATION BE MADE AND, IF EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS APPROPRIATELY WITH GOE AUTHORITIES TO AVOID FUTURE INCIDENT OR PROBLEM. IN VIEW OF PAST COOPERATION DEMONSTRATED BY ECUADOR IN NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS, E.G., SANTOS CASE, WE HOPE OUR GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOE IN CONTROLLING DRUG TRAFFICKING WILL CONTINUE.

5. SUGGEST FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS KIND, DEA COMMUNICATIONS BE ROUTED TO INCLUDE DESK AND S/NM. KISSINGER

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